



Christ Memorial Lutheran Church & School

Good News

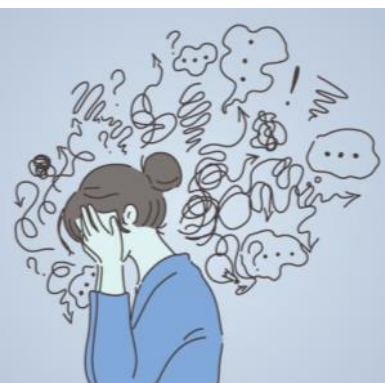
April 2021

From the Pastor's Desk



What are you thinking?

It's 3 am and you are jolted awake by the thought that you didn't pay the overdue electric bill. That thought is followed by a long list of things you need to do today. There's that meeting, the thing at the kid's school, and you haven't called your Mom in weeks! Pretty soon, everything goes off the rails and you are worried about the library book you forgot to return 20 years ago. Try to stop thinking and just sleep, but it's no use. Does this sound like you? Do things happen and you can't stop thinking about them? Actually, we are all thinking - all of the time. A study I read about last year said that humans have on average 6000 thoughts every day. So, what are you thinking?



As followers of Jesus, we sometimes think that thinking and faith are two separate things. I believe that thinking and faith are inseparable. Faith involves our thinking and our thinking flows from our Faith. God's Word has much to say about who we should think because we have Faith in Christ. Look at Ephesians 4:22-23: *"put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful*

desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds." Or Philippians 2:5: *"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus."*

In Philippians 4:8 we are given a list of what we should dwell on or give our full attention to: *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* Are these the things that we are thinking about and dwelling upon every day? Or, do we let the cares and worries of this world take over and drag us down.

Given that so many people are struggling with anxiety and depression, it's time to adopt Paul's battle approach in the fight for our minds. This is Paul's game plan in 2 Corinthians 10:5: *"We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ."*

So when destructive or tempting thoughts pop into our minds, we take down any thought that would lead us away from Jesus. The truth is that God is always with us as we struggle and do battle with our thoughts. As we spend time with God in His Word, we are filling our hearts and minds with His truth: We are saved and we are free! Be sure to check out our "Peace of Mind" sermon series this month as we look to God for the peace of mind we all need.



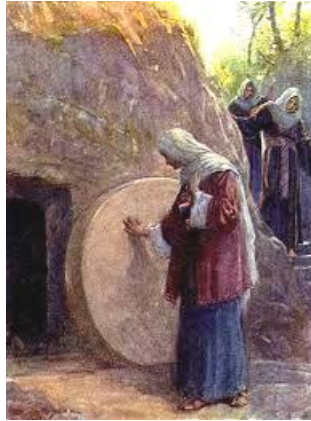
In Christ,
Pastor Frederick Hoover

THE ELDERS

Dave Dornseif

EASTER JOY

“But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.” Luke 24:1-2



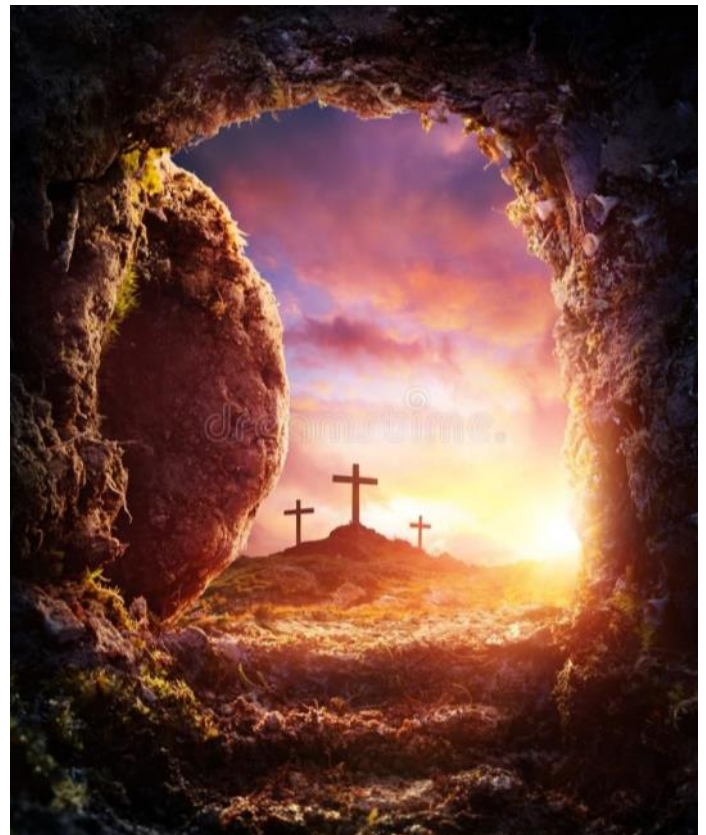
Why were the women going to the tomb that morning? Were they going to greet their resurrected Lord? Did they want to be the first ones to welcome Him back from the dead? Nope. *“You seek Jesus, the Crucified One. He’s not here. He’s risen just like He told you.”* The angel’s words leave no doubt: those ladies were actually going out to that tomb in grief-stricken unbelief. This may seem harsh, but it’s true. Christ told them multiple times over the course of three years exactly what He was going to do on the third day after dying, and yet they still went out to the tomb. They were believers, but their grief and worry had gotten the better of them. They had failed to remember and trust in the words and promises of the Savior. Their whole world had come crashing down less than 72 hours earlier. Can we blame them for acting this way. Would we act any differently? He sends His angel to them, to lovingly correct them. To re-focus them on the joy that is already theirs in Christ.

What has the same resurrected Lord said to you? It’s easy to get focused on the wrong things, especially when things seem dark and our morale runs low and our faith gets beat up. Times like the last year when we have been separated from our families and our church families. Our focus, our joy today is not on the empty tomb and where He isn’t, but more importantly where he is, crucified and risen from the dead. What

has our risen and victorious Lord already told us? *“This is my Body, This is my Blood. As often as you do this remember what I have said; remember what I have told you.”* Here is the Lord of Life, right where he promises to be, telling you right where to seek Him and receive Him. He doesn’t practice “social distancing” from you. He draws near to you. Here is the resurrected Christ, for us, for the forgiveness of our sins.

God’s word is still speaking to us this very day, just like it did with the women at the tomb, pointing us to the living and risen Christ, who has promised us that he is present with His word, His Body and His Blood. We’re being pointed to where the living and victorious Christ is so that we may share with Him in the joy of the resurrection victory: His resurrection victory...our resurrection victory.

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





President Report

Rob Hall

THE NEW NORMAL?

I was thinking things will eventually get back to normal. When? I am guessing September. That guess is based on various plans for schools, anticipated levels of vaccinations, rippling infection rates, and related social distancing rule changes. So, September may be it, if Pennsylvania does not go sideways in the meantime.

What does that change means in the meantime?

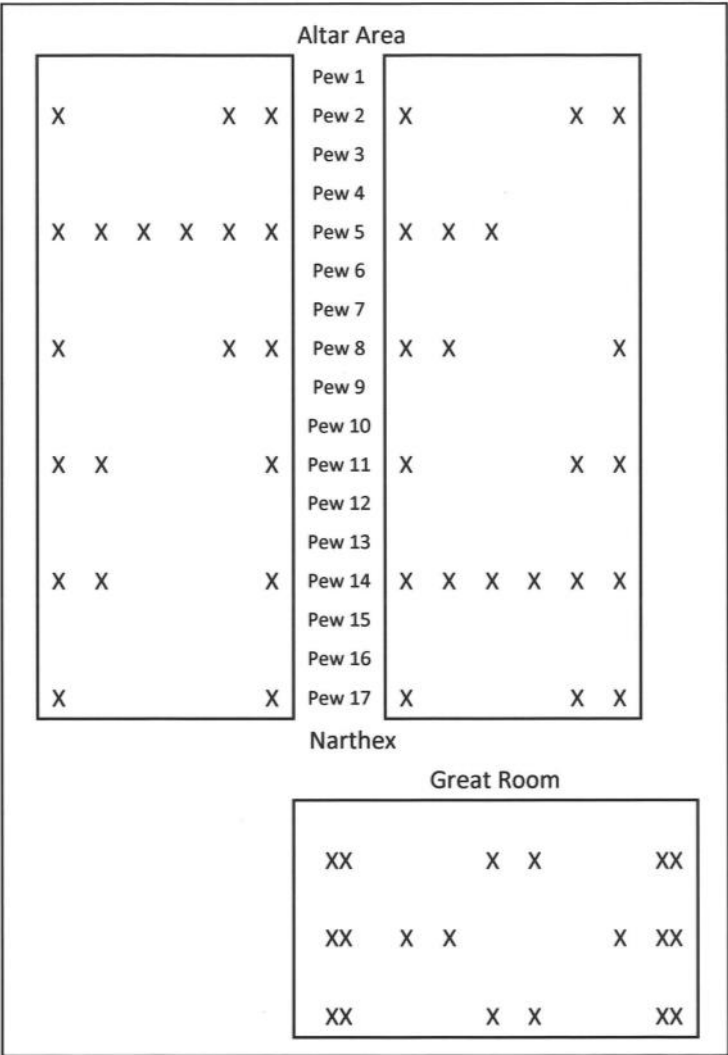
Easter will not have the pancake breakfast for a youth fundraiser. However, we will continue the practice of not having Sunday School on Easter. Instead, we will have three services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00. The 8:30 and 9:45 services will be traditional; and the 11:00 will be contemporary. If you feel up to coming, you should. We will still have online registration to help us balance seating; but *it is not mandatory*. We seat every third pew and keep six feet between households like this chart shows. This example gets *60 people* into a service. It depends on group sizes, etc.

We are continuing to suspend First Friday night gatherings. But you should expect to see some outdoor recreation events during the summer.

VBS has been cancelled for the second year. Although we figured out how to have 105 kids participate in classrooms, we saw several challenges. Is 105 kids enough to make for the exciting event that is expected from our VBS? Could we get the kids and counselors safely into a space for skits and singing? Even if we keep the classes separated during the day, how would we arrange drop-off and pick-up to avoid contacts? Could we expect all counselors to renew their Kid-Safe status and be fully immunized by June 21st?

We will have a Voters’ Meeting in June. Among other things, Council will explain that Willistown Twp. refused our application for the new sign reducing it to a point that it was felt the old sign would serve better. So, we will dress it up a bit over the summer instead.

We are looking forward to September, Rally Day, and a resumption of a nearly normal church life.



Sample seating in the church



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN Mid Atlantic Branch

Cliff Kraft



Be persistent in prayer! We prayed for a 40ft container to load and ship to the Republic of Georgia. We were to load the container on March 5th however the ship was delayed and the container loading was postponed. On March 12th and 19th we were delayed due to dock strikes and a shortage of trucks to carry containers. By the time you receive this article we hopefully have loaded the container on March 26th and it is on its way to the Republic of Georgia filled with approximately 80,000 concentrated nutritious meals, clothing, crutches, sports items and many bicycles. We will share some pictures when it is received in The Republic of Georgia. These gifts to the needy are only possible due to your support. Thank You.

We have received many, many packages of towels, socks and underwear from members of St James Lutheran Church in St James, NY. The members



took advantage of the Boscov's department store "Wish List." They merely visit or call Boscov's, order the items and have them sent to their favorite charity, which in this case is Orphan Grain Train. We have received about fifteen boxes so far and the promise of more to come. If you are interested contact Boscov's and mention their "Wish List" program.

It's about time for that Spring House Cleaning. You might this year pay particular attention to those closets and drawers holding clothes which haven't been worn in years and could make space for new items. And then

there are those shoes in good condition, which haven't seen feet in a long time. Include them in the collection. If by chance there is a bicycle not being used we also can make use of it regardless of condition. We have an excellent bicycle "Bicycle Refurbishes".



Our Saturday openings from 9 to 12 have been well received. For many working people this is an opportunity to see the countryside and come out to the Jennersville warehouse. We are currently open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. GPS is 8 Federal Road, West Grove, PA. No experience necessary, only a desire to help those in need worldwide.



We are planning on two more shipments this year. The destination will be determined when we have replenished our inventory of clothes and other items. It is an exciting year getting items collected, sorted, packed and ready for shipment. Come on out and join the joy of helping others.

To God alone be the glory.

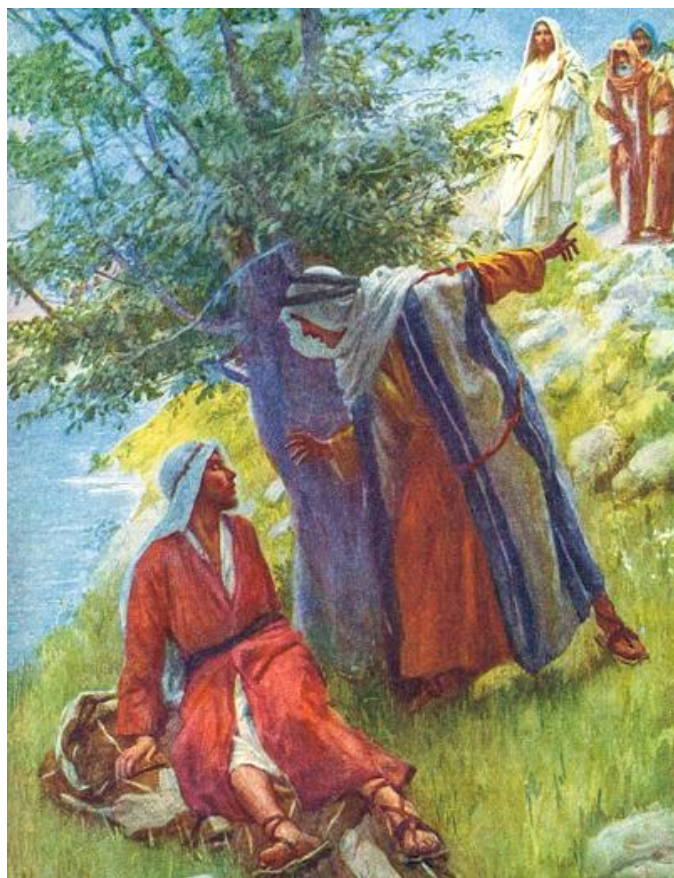
Cliff Kraft 3/25/21

"I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you"
John 14:18

Stewardship

Come and See

On His way to Galilee, Jesus called Philip to be one of His 12 disciples. After receiving Jesus' call, Philip, pleased to be a disciple, told his friend, Nathanael, that he had found Jesus of Nazareth, the person whom Moses and all the prophets had foretold in the Old Testament. Nathaniel responded, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" (John 1:46). Philip responded, "Come and see." Jesus calls us to be like Philip and to say to our families, co-workers, neighbors, friends, and all people, "Come and see." As God's people, we have been given a wonderful privilege and a responsibility to be the hands, feet, and mouth for Jesus. We are His instruments through whom He works so others can hear the Good News of the Gospel.



Philip tells Nathanael about Jesus

In our conversations, we could use the words "come and see" in many different ways. When we acquire new furniture, a dress, or a car, we may say, "Come and see." How much more important it is that we ask

others to "come and see" Jesus as He has revealed Himself to us in His Word. We have the opportunity to introduce people to Jesus Who has given the world the greatest miracle that has ever occurred. Jesus, the Son of Man, condescended to come to earth to live as one of us, to be humiliated and die for the sake of those He loves, and then to rise victoriously, the "firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20). This miracle is one to be shouted from the housetops, for it is meant for all humankind. Christ has died for our sins and risen again so that we might live forever with Him. We are called to go and invite people to "come and see" Who Jesus is and what He has done for us. We invite people, and the Holy Spirit does the rest.

So why are we often hesitant to invite people to "come and see" Jesus? Do we fear we'll be rejected? That we won't have the answers to questions we're asked? That we'll look foolish? All these things may happen but that's God's business. Not everybody is going to want what we have to offer, but many do. Our task is to invite, "Come and see." If we love God, we will love His people (1 John 4:20), and, if we love people, we will be compelled to witness. Our love will overcome our discomfort. Our compassion will overcome our inhibitions.

We should all be encouraged to pray that the Holy Spirit will make us aware of the opportunities He lays before us, the people He places in our lives—people we know and sometimes complete strangers. As Philip invited his friend, let us invite all who will listen, "Come and see." The investment of our time and effort will be an investment that pays eternal dividends.

Prayer: O Lord, You graciously look on me, not as I deserve, but through Jesus' eyes of love and forgiveness. You guard me through this life and keep me safe for eternity. Give me a readiness to speak of the sacrifice of Your Holy Son Who gave His life for me and all who believe. Through Christ Who calls me to be a steward for Him. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

PLEASE DONATE TO OUR FOOD DRIVE FOR MANNA FROM HEAVEN FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY, April 11th



Thank you for your continued support of the Manna from Heaven food pantry at the Salvation Army. Jesus said "... as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matt. 25:40). The need remains - Food insecurity is still a problem for many of our neighbors in the West Chester area. We will have a general collection for the pantry on April 11th but you can bring contributions to church during the prior week if not attending worship in person.

Below are some suggestion for the Food Pantry.



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- Canned mix vegetables
- Canned black beans
- Canned garbanzo
- Canned kidney beans
- Ketchup
- Mayonnaise
- Tomato sauce 15oz
- Cooking oil 48oz
- Bars soap
- Coffee
- Paper towels
- Pancakes syrup
- Sugar

- Toilet paper
- Spices: garlic, oregano, parsley, lemon pepper, basil
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant, men & women
- Toothpaste
- laundry detergent
- Cooking oil
- Kids snacks
- Cereal



Mission

Lenten Offerings Update

During Lent this year, our mid-week offerings were matched with funds from the Baker Mission Fund and contributed to various missions. This Lenten season, our offerings were sent to:

2/17 LWML Eastern District Mission Fund.



2/24 Good Works/Young Lives



3/3 Orphan Grain Train



Dave Sonnenberg

3/10 Missionaries Sharp & Schushkte



3/17 BEE Liberia



3/24 Manna from Heaven Food Pantry



Thanks to your generosity, \$8000 was sent to these missions. Your contributions help to share Jesus' love with people in West Chester, in Chester County, and throughout the world.

Thank You



Orphan Grain Train

We are back in business!



Looking to get out of the house for a change of scenery and some Christian comradery? Come to 8 Federal Road in West Grove and help us sort and pack clothing for people in need! Our warehouse schedule is every Wednesday from 10am to 2:30 pm. Devotions and lunch are shared together mid-day.

We are also open select Saturdays from 9am to noon: April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22. All safety protocols are observed so remember your mask!

Questions? Call/text Cliff Kraft: (610) 420-0380 or Carla Niesen (610) 909-9642.

Volunteers Background Checks

Starting July 1, 2015 in Pennsylvania, volunteers 18 years and older who worked with children were required to have a background check which consisted of a Child Abuse Clearance, a Criminal History Check and an Affidavit if living in Pennsylvania for the past 10 years (if not, then a FBI fingerprint check is required).

Most of our church volunteers obtained their clearances in 2015. Now that it is 2021, most of these clearances have expired. **Now is a good time to renew your clearances.**

Information on how to do that is on our website: christmemorial.us. On the website, hover over "Media" and click on "volunteers". If you have any questions, feel free to contact the church office at 610-644-4508 or office@christmemorial.us.



LWML, Women's Guild



All women High School age and up are invited to Women Guild. Come join us in Christian service and fellowship.

Greetings from the Women's Guild!

March Happenings - Lutheran School Week

This year we celebrated Lutheran School week a bit different. Instead of having a brunch for the parents, we held a "Brunch for lunch" for the teachers on March 2nd and 3rd. A big thank you to all the ladies who set-up, supplied the food and cleaned-up. Jodie Merow, the school director wrote, *"Thank you so much for taking the time to prepare and set up such wonderful brunches to bless all of us! Your joy and love as you walked the halls and got everything ready was so evident! The food was delicious, the flowers were beautiful, the love warmed all of our hearts. Love and thanks."*



Since we couldn't have brunch for the school families, we sent home a prayer devotional book to each family.

Tuesday, April 13th Meeting at 7 pm on Zoom

Join us as we have a special speaker, Vicki Laubach, the Executive Director of Green Valleys Watershed Association since 2010. Green Valleys Watershed Association is a 55 year old nonprofit watershed protection, environmental education, and land stewardship organization working in northern Chester County.



Next Meeting: May 11th at 7 pm on Zoom

Sunday, April 25th LWML Prayer Praise Service @ 2 pm

Join us on Zoom for a Prayer Praise Service hosted by LWML Eastern District Philadelphia Zone. The 2021 LWML Prayer Service, *He Prayed with Them!* is authored by the Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Emeritus LWML Pastoral Counselor 2015-2019.



RSVP to Beth Quinn, bethquinn@gmail.com with your email address by Friday, April 23, 2021 to receive the link. Questions, please call 610-761-0263.

June 24-27, 2021 - LWML National Convention, Lexington, KY

Theme: Running the Race...Looking to Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2)



Information on the convention and registration can be found in the Spring LINK and on the LWML website: <https://www.lwml.org/2021-convention>

September 24-26, 2021 Fall Retreat

Save the date for the Fall Retreat at Lutherlyn Camp, 500 Lutherlyn Lane, Butler, PA Lutherlyn.com.



The theme is "Can Do-With Jesus". *"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me."* Philippians 4:13

Our speaker will be Sharla Fritz, who is a Christian author who weaves honest and humorous stories into life-changing Bible study. Author of Bible studies including *Soul Spa*, *Divine Design*, *Bless These Lips*, *Divine Makeover* and *Waiting*. Sharla writes about God's Transforming grace. Her new book is called *God's Relentless Love*. She is passionate about helping women take their next step of faith.

Registration form can be found in the Spring LINK.



CMLC WOMEN'S GUILD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Women's Guild of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church is to give women of our congregation opportunities to:

- ♦ Unite with Christ to Serve,
- ♦ Support and promote the objectives and programs of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) and CMLC,
- ♦ Participate in Christian Service, and
- ♦ Foster Christian fellowship.

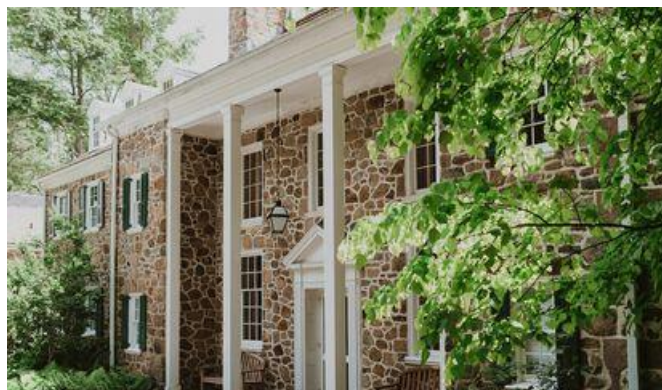


Mark your calendar for our next Women's Guild Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th at 7 pm on Zoom.

Join us as we have a special speaker, Vicki Laubach, the Executive Director of Green Valleys Watershed Association since 2010. Green Valleys Watershed Association is a 55 year old nonprofit watershed protection, environmental education, and land stewardship organization working in northern Chester County. Their stewardship area includes French, Pickering, Pigeon, and Valley Creeks as well as the Stony Run. Their headquarters, Welkinweir, is located in the heart of the French Creek and is 224-acres of permanently preserved land with forests, meadows, streams, and ponds. The property is opened Monday - Friday for visitors to walk the gardens, hike the trails, and observe wildlife. They offer programs onsite for students of all ages, including Summer Nature Camp for ages 4 to 14, Schuylkill Water Stewards and PA Master Naturalist volunteer training programs, and a variety of volunteer led walks that focus on birds, botany, and other nature topics.



GREEN VALLEYS
WATERSHED
ASSOCIATION



Zoom link will be emailed out on April 13th. If you don't receive an email, please contact Beth Quinn at bethkquinn@gmail.com or call her at 610-761-0263.



LWML Prayer Praise Service Sunday, April 25th @ 2 pm on Zoom

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Join us on Zoom for a Prayer Praise Service hosted by LWML Eastern District Philadelphia Zone. The 2021 LWML Prayer Service, ***He Prayed with Them!*** is authored by the Rev. Robert L. Mundahl, Emeritus LWML Pastoral Counselor 2015-2019.

When was the last time you prayed with someone? Not **for** someone, but **with** someone? We are encouraged in Scripture to be people of prayer and prayer marks us as children of the heavenly Father. He has promised to hear us and to answer our prayers. The LWML 2021 Prayer Service will encourage and expand your life of prayer to include praying **with** others.

A monetary ingathering will take place for Christ Assembly Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA for Sunday School materials ages 3-16. Check should be made to: LWML Philadelphia Zone (prayer service on the memo line) and mail to: Dottie Buerger 708 Denbigh Chase Lane, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

RSVP to Beth Quinn, bethkquinn@gmail.com with your email address by Friday, April 23, 2021 to receive the link. Questions, please call 610-761-0263.



Pre-School & Kindergarten News

Jodie Merow

As I write this April," Good News", article. I am reminded that last year at this time, school was closed and we were learning how best to keep in touch with the children and families. We were just beginning to navigate using ZOOM, You Tube, etc., to send lessons, songs, stories, and greetings to the children to let them know we were there! We wanted to remind them that God was in control and we would find a way to stay connected!

Looking back, one year later, I am humbled and so thankful to God for the lessons learned during the past year. I am grateful for the church leadership, the CMLS staff and the CMLS families for letting faith win over fear this school year! I am thankful to you, the congregation for your prayers and loving support!



CMLS is in full SPRING mode these days! I wanted you to see some of the beautiful spring art and projects going on now. The children are learning about color and art. They are learning about life cycles of the butterfly and they are planting seeds and experimenting with the effects of light, water, and food on plants. The



Kindergarten students are able to read now and our littlest children have grown so much! The other day, one of the Young 3's little boys got out of his car in the morning and proceeded to tell me all about his friend who was also in the Young 3's. When I walked him in and he saw that friend, it was so heartwarming to see them so happy to see each other! It has been such a fabulous school year!

The children at CMLS have also been learning what it means to serve others and to be kind in all circumstances. The Kindergarten children raised almost \$2,000.00 for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, by doing Math problems in their annual Math-a-thon! The families of CMLS also filled 28 Easter Baskets for the children of Young Lives and filled one half of the lobby with groceries for the Manna from Heaven Food Pantry. The families are also helping Orphan Grain Train by donating new socks and undies!



I want to thank Linda Knoll, Debbie Schumm and the church for inviting the children to the Easter Drive Through! What a kind, loving thing to do for our children! It is my prayer that as children see and participate in all these acts of service, they will grow with a heart to serve the Lord!

Thank you, also, to the CMLC Women's Guild, for the delicious brunches they gave to the staff. Everything was so beautifully done and with so much care and love! Thank you!

As each class from 2x2's through Kindergarten took part in a Hosanna Parade and learned about the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, it was such a joy to be able to tell them the Great News that after all of that, even after death on a cross for our sins, Jesus rose again so that we can be with Him forever! The children hear the true meaning of Easter and the joy that it brings!



On behalf of the children, families, and staff of CMLS, I wish you and your families a blessed Easter! He is risen...He is risen indeed!



YOUTH/FAMILY Event

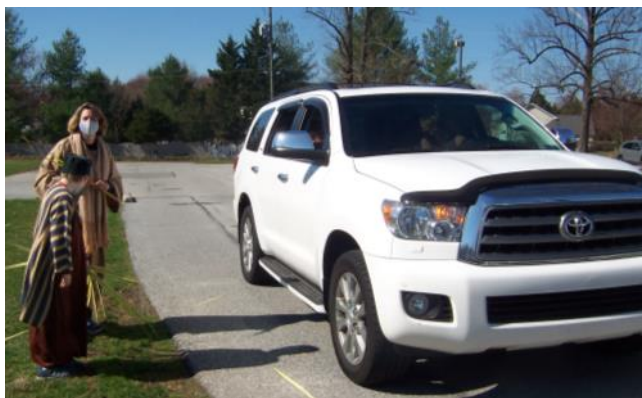
SPRING FUN Drive Thru

SATURDAY, MARCH 27th

What a great time we had at the Spring Fun Drive Thru! We had 90 children who picked up palms, crafts, activity bags and Easter eggs. Thank you to all the helpers, egg stuffers and those who set-up, hand-out and cleaned-up. Also thank you to all who donated new socks and underwear to OGT. We received a lot of socks and underwear along with cash donation of \$175 for OGT.



Cindy Lighton with palms



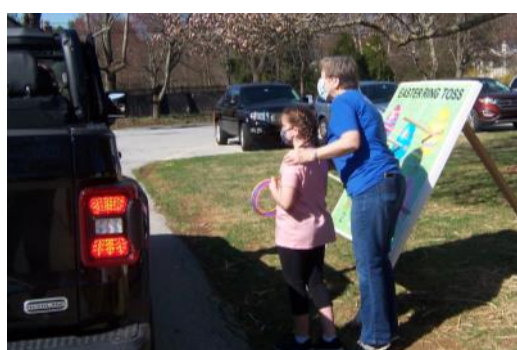
Cindy with Jonathan Futtu handing out palms



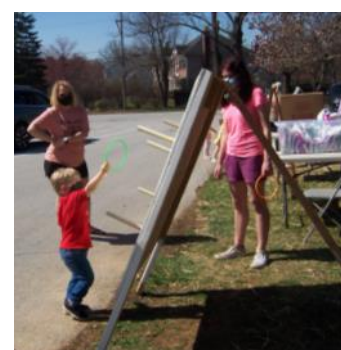
Sarah Heilman handing out bags



Marilyn Battuello and Susan Bell at craft tent



Deb Schumm with helper Leah Colluccio



One way of getting a ringer



Almost!



Rob Hall accepting donation from Linda Knoll



Carl Niesen and Ruth Meth sorting donations

Baptisms

On Sunday, March 6, 2021 at noontime, we welcomed into the Lord's family and Christ Memorial Lutheran Church family, the following: Lucy Anne Warner, Penelope Helen Warner, Thomas Joseph Warner Jr., and Brooks Hartmann Warner. They are the children of Thomas and Samantha Warner.



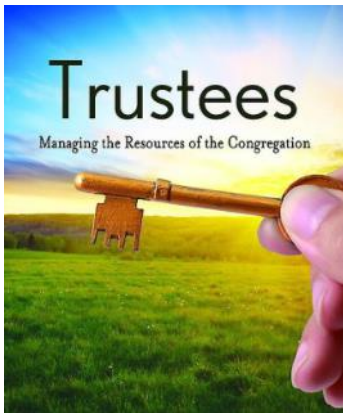
"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God."
Mark 10:14

Tom and Samantha Warner with their children (right)



Trustees

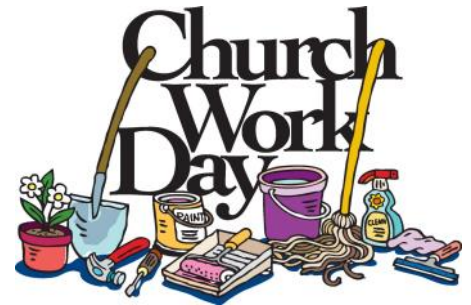
Joel McFadden



We recently enjoyed an excellent turn out at our first Church Beautification day. Nice weather allowed us to work outside.

On Saturday, April 17 we will have another get together. We will convene at 9:00 AM with meet and greet over coffee and a brief devotion.

Join us for fellowship and stewardship of our Lord's property.



Community Service



Irene McFadden

Good Works

You are invited to support the Good Works organization with your time and talents the **second Saturday of every month**. If you are not yet familiar with this organization, it is a Christian nonprofit organization dedicated to repairing homes and restoring hope for low-income homeowners in Chester County.



There is always room for more volunteers of any age/skill level. Please contact Irene McFadden (484) 252-4489 or jmcfad1705@aol.com for more information or to reserve your volunteer spot for any future date. Lunch is provided.

VBS Announcement



For the safety of all concerned and the uncertainty of what the future holds, it has been decided to once again cancel VBS for 2021. Part of the problem was the logistic of how to handle the children, including drop off and pick up. The other part was getting enough volunteers.

We have already purchased "Rocky Railway" and hopefully will use it in 2022. As the theme states, "Jesus Power Pulls Us Through"!!!!

Music

Susan Bell

Praise Team Looking to Expand



Looking for singers and instrumentalists that would be interested in singing/playing with the Praise Team.

Commitment includes practice on Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. - sing/play in the 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Service.

Please contact Susan Bell: 610-937-1483 or Brittany Osteen: 610-724-3260 with any questions or to sign up!

New Way to Donate

Even though we are not meeting in the church, you can still support the Ministry at Christ Memorial with your regular offerings. Please mail your offerings to the church at 89 Line Rd, Malvern PA 19355 or utilize the online bill pay option from your bank.

NEW: You can also donate now online at our website: <http://christmemorial.us/> and scroll down to "Make a Donation" button. Click on it and it will take you to Giving Fuel. There you will have the option to donate by check or credit /debit card.

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Program Lineup for Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday:

[Sharper Iron](#) — Mark 15:33-41, The death of Jesus (8:00 a.m. CT)
[The Coffee Hour](#) — Learn about Bach's St. John Passion (9:00 a.m. CT)
[Daily Chapel](#) — Meditation on Mark 15:1-47, Lutheran Service Book 450 (10:00 a.m. CT)
[Joy!](#) for Maundy Thursday (1:00 p.m. CT & 6:00 p.m. CT)

Good Friday:

[Sharper Iron](#) — Mark 15:42-47, Jesus is buried (8:00 a.m. CT)
[The Coffee Hour](#) — Hymns of Good Friday and Easter (9:00 a.m. CT)
[Joy!](#) for Good Friday (11:00 a.m. CT)
[Tre Ore Service](#) — 12:00–3:00 p.m. CT
[Joy!](#) for Good Friday (6:00 p.m. CT)

Holy Saturday:

Special Music throughout the day
[Worship Service](#), 4:00 p.m. CT

Easter Sunday:

[Joy!](#) for Easter Sunday (7:00 a.m. CT)
[Worship Service](#), 8:00 a.m. CT & 10:45 a.m. CT
[Joy!](#) for Easter Sunday (1:00 p.m. CT)
[Worship Service](#), 4:00 p.m. CT



Parish Ed - Zoom Classes

Sunday School Classes begins at 9:45 am. They use the ZOOM application on your computer, laptop or phone. To join the ZOOM meeting for your class, please check your weekly email sent out with the Sunday bulletin, our webpage or you can contact the church office or the Sunday school leader.

Children & Youth Classes:

Kids Sunday School with Mrs. Schumm; From Toddlers with their parents through 6th Grade, come and join us.

Confirmation Class: @ 9:45 am; Pastor will let you know if it is online or in-person.

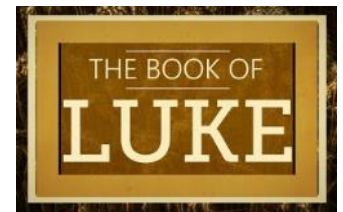
Youths from 7th grade class will meet Sunday morning at 9:45 am online for Sunday School and Youth Fellowship. Look for emails from Pastor Carl Emberger for more information.

Adult Zoom Bible Classes on Sunday @ 9:45 am

The Book of Luke (CPH Study Guide/video)

Leader: Ron Niesen

Extension of the study of the Gospel of Luke through the spring term
(11-Apr to 27-Jun, 12 weeks)



Per Dr. Arthur Just (Concordia Theological Seminary): *"Luke wrote his Gospel to provide a trustworthy historical record of Jesus Christ. From the start Luke's account is catechetical: it teaches the facts of Jesus ministry for the purpose of instilling saving faith and strengthening the knowledge and appreciation of how Christ continues to redeem sinners through the ministry of Word and Sacrament."* Compiled from both oral and written accounts, Luke points to God's gracious salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. The peace that Christ has brought to the world enables us to break out in a liturgy of praise. The salvation story did not end with Christ's ascension, however; Christ's Church is called to go to "all nations"-men, women, children, the poor, the sick, and the disenfranchised-proclaiming the victory found only in Jesus Christ. Luke speaks to us about:

- ◆ God's plan for bringing salvation to both Jew and Gentile;
- ◆ believers' unceasing joy upon hearing the Good News;
- ◆ the work of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life and in our own;
- ◆ the enduring value and importance of prayer.

This 12-week study is discussion-based intending for us to gain a deeper understanding of Christ through Luke's unique approach to recounting Jesus' mission. We look forward seeing you in class! Zoom link is sent out by email and can be found on the church's website, www.christmemorial.us

Resource you can use

RightNow Media

RIGHTNOWMEDIA.org and it is totally free to you and your family. Its super easy to sign up - go to this link on christmemorial.us - <https://christmemorial.us/media/rightnow-media>



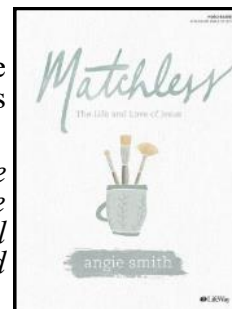
Just follow the steps with a user name and password. You can now sign in and enjoy the content.

If you click on Christ Memorial Lutheran Church - there are resources especially chosen for CMLCS families - especially devotions and music for kids. What a great time to help our kids to follow Jesus. For adults there is also wealth of resources.

Bible**Studies*****L.I.G.H.T. (Ladies in God's Hands Together) - Wednesday @ 8 am***

Our LIGHT Bible study will be a ZOOM format from 8 - 11:30 each Wednesday. Anyone who is interested can contact Cindy Kaminskis at 610-331-0704. Our current Bible study is "Matchless; the Life and Love of Jesus Christ" by Angie Smith.

Who is Jesus? Why did He come to earth? How can I know Him? We live in a world where there's a lot of confusion about Jesus. Too often people want to shape Him and His message to fit their personal needs or agendas. So how can we know the truth? This study will deepen your understanding of Jesus through biblical, historical, and cultural insight and help you see Him less as an iconic figure and more as an intimate friend.

***Pastor's Wednesday Night Bible Study***

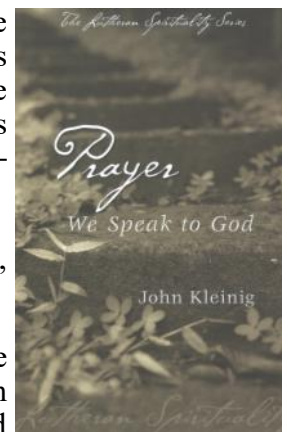
Pastor's Wednesday Night Bible Study is on hiatus and will be back in a few weeks with a new Bible study.

LWML Bible Study - Thursday @ 10 am

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Women's Thursday morning Bible study is via Zoom. The class meets 10:00-11:30 am. The Thursday morning women's bible study starts their new study April 15th through May 20th. They will be studying Prayer through the Lutheran Spirituality series. If you would like to join this zoom bible study, contact Diane Scherzer (nana27scherz@gmail.com, 610-738-4821) or Beth Quinn (bethkquinn@gmail.com, 610-761-0263).

In His Word, the Lord teaches His believers to pray. It is through prayer, and His grace, that we can approach His throne with our praise, confessions, fears...everything!

This study encourages participants to rejoice in prayer as a great privilege, to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they pray, to approach God the Father in prayer with faith in Jesus as their Intercessor, to join with the congregation in praying for the world, and so much more.



Sessions include:

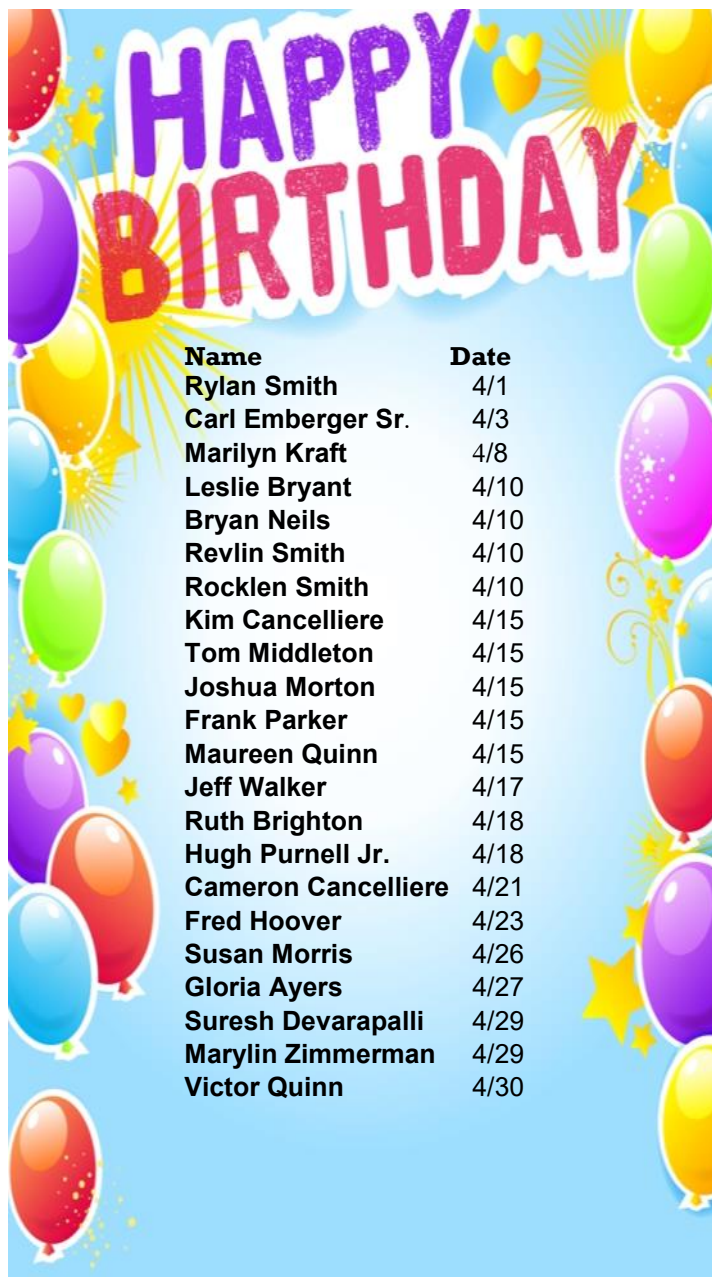
- ◆ Our Secret Vocation
- ◆ The Intercession of Jesus
- ◆ The Gift of Prayer
- ◆ Praying with Jesus
- ◆ Complaining
- ◆ Congregational Prayer

M.I.G.H.T. (Men in God's Hands Together) - Saturday, 8:00 am

(Men's Saturday Bible Study; 8am-9:30am - Saturday) – Please join us through Zoom for a dynamic discussion of books of the Bible and Christian topics. For more information or to join the Zoom meeting, contact Jeff Walker at walk1592001@yahoo.com



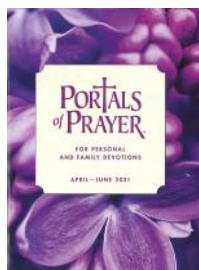
Celebrating with YOU!!!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY...

Name	Date	Years
Stefanie & Joshua Nelson	4/10/1999	22
Debra & Karl McIntyre	4/21/2018	3
Kristin & Tom Nowak	4/28/2001	20
Meschelle & Ron Ryan	4/29/1995	26

Portals of Prayer April to June 2021



The new Portals of Prayer are here. You can pick one up at church or if you don't want to come inside, you can find them in a green plastic box on the bench by the school door. There is hand sanitizer next to the box.

Lamp Needs a Home

The daughter of former member, Marion Snekenberg is cleaning out her mother's things. She has a lamp that could hang over a table. It would need to be hardwired. It is free if anyone is interested. Just contact the office.



So Sorry...

if we missed your special day.
We would appreciate it if you
would let the church office know
so we can update our records.

Thanks!

Christ Memorial in



Thursday, April 1st

Holy Thursday

No School - Easter Break

10:00 am LWML Bible Study (Zoom)

7:00 pm Holy Thursday Service



Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday

No School - Easter Break

7:00 pm Good Friday Service

"Seven Last Words of Jesus"



Saturday, April 3rd

Holy Saturday

8:00 am M.I.G.H.T. (Zoom)

10:00am Easter Rehearsal

Sunday, April 4th

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Traditional Worship

11:00 am Contemporary Worship



Monday, April 5th

Easter Monday

No School - Easter Break

Office Closed

6:30 pm Elders Meeting



Tuesday, April 6th

Wednesday, April 7th

8:00 am LIGHT (Zoom)

10 am-2:30 pm OGT Packing

(West Grove Warehouse)

Thursday, April 8th

10:00 am LWML Bible Study (Zoom)

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice (Church)

Friday, April 9th

Saturday, April 10th

Good Works - all day

8:00 am M.I.G.H.T. (Zoom)

9 am-noon OGT Packing (W. Grove)

10:00am Outside Communion

(weather permitting)



Sunday, April 11th

Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Bible Study Adult & Children

9:45 am Confirmation Class

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

Monday, April 12th

7:00 pm School Board Meeting



Tuesday, April 13th

7 pm - Women's Guild Meeting (Zoom)

Wednesday, April 14th

8:00 am LIGHT (Zoom)

10 am-2:30 pm OGT Packing

(West Grove Warehouse)

Thursday, April 15th

10:00 am LWML Bible Study (Zoom)

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice (Church)

Friday, April 16th

Pre-School Chapel (Video)

Saturday, April 17th

8:00 am M.I.G.H.T. (Zoom)

9:00 am Trustee Work Day

Sunday, April 18th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Bible Study Adult & Children

9:45 am Confirmation Class

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

1:30 pm Baptism of Coralie Catherwood



Monday, April 19th

7:00 pm Council



Tuesday, April 20th

Wednesday, April 21st

Secretary's Day

8:00 am LIGHT (Zoom)

10 am-2:30 pm OGT Packing

(West Grove Warehouse)



Thursday, April 22nd

10:00 am LWML Bible Study (Zoom)

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice (Church)

Friday, April 23rd

Kindergarten only make-up day

Saturday, April 24th

8:00 am M.I.G.H.T. (Zoom)

9 am-noon OGT Packing (W. Grove)

10:00am Outside Communion

(weather permitting)



Sunday, April 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Bible Study Adult & Children

9:45 am Confirmation Class

11:00 am Contemporary Worship

2:00 pm LWML Praise Service (Zoom)



Monday, April 26th

Tuesday, April 27th

Wednesday, April 28th

8:00 am LIGHT (Zoom)

10 am-2:30 pm OGT Packing

(West Grove Warehouse)

Thursday, April 29th

10:00 am LWML Bible Study (Zoom)

6:30 pm Praise Team Practice (Church)

Friday, April 30th

Pre-School Chapel (Video)



*April showers bring
May flowers!*

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OGT Packing

Every Wednesday
10 am - 2:30 pm
@ West Grove Warehouse

And on Saturday, April 10th & 24th from 9:00 am to noon

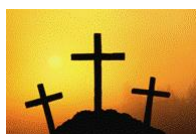
~Holy Thursday Worship~

April 1st
@ 7:00 pm
In-person & online



~Good Friday Worship~

April 2nd
@ 7:00 pm
In-person & online



~Easter Worship~

Sunday, April 4th

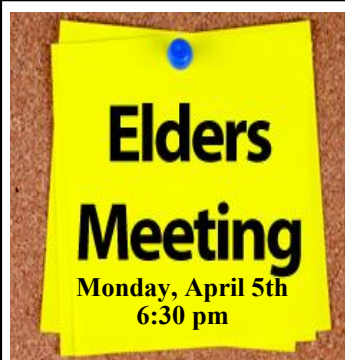
Traditional @ 8:30 am

Traditional @ 9:45 am

Contemporary @ 11 am

All Services are In-person & online

The Office will
be closed
on April 5th,
Easter Monday.



Saturday
April 10th
Join us for



OUTDOOR COMMUNION

Saturday, April
10th & 24th



Women Guild
Meeting
April 13th
7 pm on Zoom

Come and join us!



Topic: Speaker from
Green Valley Watershed



Baptism of Coralie
Catherwood
at 1:30 pm on
Sunday, April 18th



COUNCIL
MEETING
Monday,
April 19th
7 PM
(Zoom)



Secretary's
Day

Wed., April
21st



LWML Prayer Praise Service Sunday, April 25th @ 2 pm

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for
you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

RSVP to Beth Quinn, bethquinn@gmail.com with your
email address by Friday, April 23, 2021 to receive the link.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the current situation,
changes are possible to the
service schedule.

For current information,
please check out our website
or contact the church office.